



State Senator Don Huffines - Senate District 16 (Dallas)

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Senator Huffines Fights for Constitutional Carry *Urges the Texas House to advance Second Amendment liberty so he can sponsor the bill in the Texas Senate*

AUSTIN - On Tuesday, March 28 at 8:00am, the House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee will hear two Constitutional Carry bills. In light of that hearing, the following statement is attributable to Senator Don Huffines (R-Dallas):

“Thankfully, Texans do not have to obtain a permit to go to church, to speak their minds, or to communicate with their elected officials about the direction our government is headed. All those rights are enshrined in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and they are sacred. Texans do, however, have to get a state-issued permission slip in order to exercise their God-given Second Amendment right to protect themselves and their families. That’s unacceptable, and it’s why I’m a strong supporter of empowering law-abiding Texans to exercise their Second Amendment liberty without a state permit or license.

“State government must tear down the barriers it places between law-abiding Texans and their liberty. Constitutional Carry allows law-abiding Texans to defend themselves and their families without paying a fee or taking a course. Sadly, Texas is far behind on Second Amendment liberty. Thirteen states currently allow Constitutional Carry, with seven of those having passed their laws between 2015 and now. This is not a new or unproven idea, however: in Vermont, Constitutional Carry dates to statehood. In Montana, Constitutional Carry dates to 1991.

“I am excited to see that the Texas House is considering Constitutional Carry and I thank Chairman Phil King, Representative Jonathan Stickland, and Representative James White for their leadership on this issue. I am eagerly awaiting the opportunity to sponsor a Constitutional Carry bill in the Texas Senate, once it is sent to us by the Texas House. There is no bigger or better way to advance liberty this session.”

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Senator Don Huffines represents the North half of Dallas County in the Texas Senate. First elected in 2014 and now serving in his second legislative session, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committee, and as a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources & Economic Development, Education, Intergovernmental Relations, and Administration. Senator Huffines is an advocate for free markets, fewer regulations, and believes in limited government, personal responsibility, and that individuals have the God-given right to pursue their own path.